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FM AMCONSUL BUKAVU

TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA IMMEDIATE

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INFO AMEMBASSY KIGALI

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMCONSUL KISANGANI

AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUKAVU 0212

E.C. 1652: GDS

TAGS: PINS-BY-CG

SUBJECT: UNSUCCESSFUL REFUGEE INCURSION FROM ZAIRE TO BURUNDI

REF: BUKAVU 210 AND LOVINGS/ANDREW RADIO CONVERSATION

1. CONSUL VISITED CND CHIEF PELENDI MORNING OF OCTOBER 17
AND OBTAINED BRIEFING ON UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT BY HUTU REFUGEES
FROM BURUNDI TO STAGE INCURSION FROM ZAIRE.

2. ATTEMPT TOOK PLACE DURING NIGHT OF OCTOBER 14 TO 15 NOT
15 TO 16 AS EARLIER REPORTED. CND ESTPKATES "A GOOD 100"
INVOLVED. FORTY-THREE WERE SEIZED BY GOZ AUTHORITIES AND
REMAIN IN DETENTION IN UVIRA. REFUGEES PLANNED TO CROSS
LAKE TEJGANYIKA IN PIROGUES AND LAND NEAR BUJUMBURA CONTRARY
TO EARLIER REPORTS THAT THEY CONTEMPLATED CROSSING THE
RUZIZI FURTHER NORTH.

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3. NO FIRE ARMS SEIZED: GROUP ARMED SOLEY WITH MACHETES AND SIMILAR CUTTING INSTRUMENTS.

4. ACCORDING TO PELENDI THERE WAS PLAN FOR COORDINATED ATTACK WITH OTHER HUTU REFUGEES IN TANZANIA BUT THIS APPARENTLY FAILED TO MATERIALIZE.

5. PELENDI SPOKE OF ATTEMPTH "MOUVEMENT DEMASSE" WITHOUT EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP. MANY OF THOSE SEIZED CARRIED FETISHESMR APPEARED HIGH ON DRUGS.

6. PELENDI SAID BURUNDI "CHIEF OF SECURITY" HAD COME TO UVIRA TO INSPECT MATERIAL SEIZED BUT HAD NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO INTERROGATE PRISONERS. BURUNDI HAD NOT REQUESTED THAT THOSE SEIZED BE TURNED OVER TO THEM.

7. PELENDI SAID THAT HE KNEW OF NO CLOSURES OF FRONTIERS BETWEEN BUKAVU AND BUJUMBURA AND HAD NO REASON TO ADVISE AGAINST TRAVEL IN THAT AREA. HE AGREED TO LET CONSULATE KNOW SHOULD SUCH PROBLEMS DEVELOP.

8. PELENDI AGREED WITH CONSULS THOUGHT THAT THIS EVENT MIGHT CAUSE GOZ TO RETHINK ITS POLICY OF LETTING REFUGES ESTABLISH THEMSELVES SO NEAR TO THE BURUNDI FRONTIERS.
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